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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

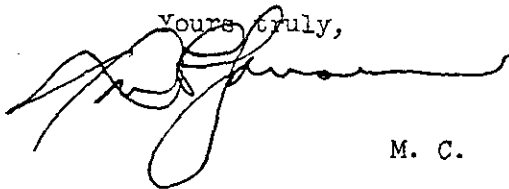
October 28, 1976

State Department
Congressional Liaison
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The attached communication
is sent for your consideration.
Please investigate the statements
contained therein and forward me
the necessary information for re-
ply, returning the enclosed corre-
spondence with your answer.

Yours truly,



M. C.

DON H. CLAUSEN

2nd, Columbia

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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FROM:

RE: IM PRISON MENT OF PAULO ANTONIO DE PARANAGUA
AND MARIA REGINA PILLA IN ARGENTINA

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Don Clausen.
House of Representatives
House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Clausen:

I am enclosing a copy of our letter to the Argentine Embassy concerning the imprisonment of Paulo Antonio de Paranagua and Maria Regina Pilla. This imprisonment is less than human or sensible, and we feel that you as our congressman can inform the ambassador of our feelings through official channels, just as we have done privately.

I am also including a copy of our letter to Gerald Ford, and I would like to call your attention to the idea of the second paragraph. How does this kind of thinking sound to you?

Sincerely,

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October 17, 1976

Argentine Embassy
Washington, D.C.


Dear Ambassador:

I ask you to inform your government of our feelings concerning the imprisonment of Paulo Antonio de Paranagua and Maria Regina Pilla. We oppose this imprisonment and ask for their release and for the re-establishment of the conditions allowing them to leave for France.

Further, We are informing President Ford and all of our representatives in the Senate and the House of our strong feelings over this. We ask them to give serious consideration especially in view of the fact that it is an election year. Further, we have asked them to reconsider the various special arrangements between our government and the Argentine military government.

Should you have any response to this request please feel free to write, and we shall listen.

Sincerely



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Gerald Ford, President
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford:

I am including a copy of our letter to the Argentine Ambassador, concerning the imprisonment of Paolo Antonio de Paranagua and Maria Regina Pilla. We consider their imprisonment less than human or sensible, and we certainly feel that you as our chief international figure can convey our feelings to the Ambassador through our official channels as we have done directly.

I have informed Senators Cranston and Tunney and Congressman Clausen of these sentiments as well. Especially in this bicentennial year we might have the decency to observe our own initial ideals and perhaps even have the temerity to ask others to consider them seriously as ideals. This country cannot hope to lead without these ideals and without asking any who would be our friends to respect them and our devotion to them.

Sincerely,

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